



Naomi Ann Kowalski

October 25, 1931 - December 17, 2025

Naomi Ann Kowalski passed away on December 17, 2025. Naomi was born on October 25, 1930 in Toledo to James and Susan (Dybala) Matuszek. She married her high school sweetheart Melvin in 1953.

She devoted her professional life to teaching and nursing education, serving as a clinical instructor in pediatric nursing at St. Vincent Hospital. Naomi, a registered nurse, earned her degree in Education from Mary Manse College, and Master's from the University of Toledo.

Her teaching career spanned many years and included service at St. Agnes Elementary School and Bedford Middle School, as well as more than 20 years at Douglas Road Elementary School.

Music had an important role in her life, and she especially enjoyed playing piano. Naomi also belonged to the Toledo Choral Society. She loved to read and travel throughout the United States with her husband Mel.

Naomi is survived by her son Robert and her daughter Dr. Kathleen (Gary) Gunther; her grandchildren Olivia, Elizabeth, and Benjamin Gunther. She is also survived by two special nephews, Rick Napierala and Robert Matuszek, many nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Myra Matuszek. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Melvin in 2009; her sister Gloria Napierala; and her brothers Leonard, Richard, and John Matuszek. Naomi's wish was to donate her body to science. A Memorial Mass will be held on February 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Catholic Church. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with

arrangements. Please leave a condolence message at
CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH